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Venue is proper in District Court, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1391, as the 2. underlying acts, omissions, events, injuries and related facts and circumstances upon which the present action are based, occurred in the County of Ventura, State of California, within the boundaries of the Central District of this Honorable Court.

GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

- Plaintiff, an individual, is and at all times mentioned herein was, a 3. resident of the State of California.
- At all times mentioned herein Defendant CITY OF SANTA PAULA, and DOE 1, was a public entity, duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of California.
- Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereupon alleges, that at all times relevant herein, the individual Defendants, including CHIEF STEVE MACKINNON and DOES 2 through 10, and each of them, were residents of the State of California, and were Chiefs of police, sergeants, captains, lieutenants, detectives, commanders, police officers, and employees, agents, servants, policy makers and representatives of Defendants CITY OF SANTA PAULA and DOE 1. Each individual Defendant is sued in his individual capacity.
- At all times relevant herein, Defendants CHIEF STEVE MACKINNON and DOES 2 through 10, and each of them, were acting under color of law, to wit, under the color of the statutes, ordinances, regulations, policies, customs, practices and usages of Defendants CITY OF SANTA PAULA, and DOE 1. Said Defendants were acting within the course and scope of their employment with Defendants CITY OF SANTA PAULA, and DOE 1, and the wrongful acts hereinafter described flow from the very exercise of their authority. Each Defendant was also acting as an employee, agent and representative of each and every other Defendant herein, and in doing the acts herein alleged were acting with the permission, consent, ratification and authority of their co-defendants.

7. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereupon alleges that at all times relevant herein, Defendant CHIEF STEVE MACKINNON and DOES 2 through 4 were Sheriffs, supervisors and policy makers for Defendants CITY OF SANTA PAULA and DOE 1.

- 8. Plaintiff is ignorant of the true names and capacities of Defendants sued herein as DOES 1 through 10, inclusive, and therefore sues these Defendants by such fictitious names. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereupon alleges, that each of the fictitiously named Defendants is legally responsible, intentionally, negligently, or in some other actionable manner, for the events and happenings hereinafter referred to, and thereby legally caused the injuries, damages, and violations and/or and deprivation of rights hereinafter alleged. Plaintiff will seek leave of Court to amend this Complaint and state the true names and/or capacities of said fictitiously named Defendants when the same have been ascertained.
- Pursuant to <u>Government Code</u> §910, or about March 9, 2011, Plaintiff, in writing, duly presented to Defendants a claim for damages. Said claim was rejected by operation of law on April 22, 2011.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION VIOLATION OF CIVIL RIGHTS, 42 U.S.C. §1983 AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS

- 10. Plaintiff hereby realleges and incorporates each and every allegation set forth in Paragraphs 1 through 9 herein.
- 11. On or about October 9, 2010, Plaintiff was at his father's residence, cutting a credit card with a pair of scissors, when two (2) unidentified police officers, DOES 5 and 6, agents, employees and/or servants of Defendants CITY OF SANTA PAULA and DOE 1, and/or its police department, acting within the course and scope of their employment and under color of authority, entered and ordered Plaintiff to drop the scissors. The startled Plaintiff did not react immediately, and looked at the officers, when the officers shot Plaintiff at his abdomen. As Plaintiff was falling to

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the ground, the officers tasered him on his hands, and then shot him for a the second time on the left side of his rib cage.

- 12. At no time did Plaintiff pose a threat to the officers, himself and/or others, and the use of force against him was unreasonable, unconstitutional, without cause or justification, excessive and illegal, and in violation of Plaintiff's constitutional rights to be free from excessive, unreasonable and unjustified force against his person, and to be free from cruel and unusual punishment, and in violation of his rights under the Fourth Amendment to the United States Constitution.
- 13. Plaintiff further alleges that Defendants CITY OF SANTA PAULA, CHIEF STEVE MACKINNON, and DOES 1 through 4, and each of them, acting with deliberate indifference to the rights and liberties of the public in general and of Plaintiff in particular, knowingly maintained, enforced, and applied a policy and practice of:
- a. Employing and retaining officers who said Defendants at all times material herein knew, or reasonably should have known, had dangerous propensities for abusing and/or neglecting their authority and committing acts of excessive force;
- b. Inadequately supervising, training, controlling, assigning and disciplining officers who said Defendants knew, or in the exercise of reasonable care should have known, had the afore-described propensities and character traits;
- Maintaining grossly inadequate procedures for reporting, supervising, investigating, reviewing, disciplining and controlling the conduct of the officers, particularly with respect to illegal acts and acts of excessive force;
- d. Fostering and encouraging a policy, pattern and practice of violence through their official positions, which proximately resulted in the excessive force on Plaintiff.
- 14. Defendant CHIEF STEVE MACKINNON, and DOES 2 through 4, and each of them, were policy makers for Defendants CITY OF SANTA PAULA and/or its police department, and knew and/or should have reasonably known that

Defendants DOES 5 and 6, and each of them, had a propensity to violate the civil rights of persons and/or to fail to prevent the violations of civil rights by others, including but not limited to, excessive, unreasonable and/or unjustified use of force, yet failed to adequately train, retrain, monitor, supervise and discipline said defendants.

- 15. Defendants CITY OF SANTA PAULA, CHIEF STEVE MACKINNON, and DOES 1 through 4, and each of them, as a matter of policy, custom and/or practice, have, with deliberate and reckless indifference, failed to adequately discipline, train or otherwise direct officers concerning the rights of suspects, permissible and/or excessive uses of force and otherwise reasonable dealings with suspects, thereby causing DOES 5 and 6, and each of them, to engage in the unlawful conduct described above.
- 16. Defendants CITY OF SANTA PAULA, CHIEF STEVE MACKINNON, and DOES 1 through 4, and each of them, have, as a matter of policy, custom and/or practice, with deliberate and reckless indifference, failed to properly sanction or discipline officers, including Defendant DOES 5 and 6, for violations of the constitutional rights of suspects, and have tolerated, ratified, permitted and condoned systematic misuse of force, excessive force by officers, thereby causing them to engage in said unlawful conduct.
- 17. Defendants CITY OF SANTA PAULA, CHIEF STEVE MACKINNON, and DOES 1 through 4, and each of them, had knowledge that some or all of the wrongs described in detail above, were about to be committed, had the power to prevent or aid in the prevention of commission of said wrongful acts and by reasonable diligence could have prevented the aforementioned wrongs conspired to be done, but neglected and or refused to prevent, or aid in the prevention of commission of said wrongs conspired to be done.
- 18. As a direct result of the wrongful conduct described herein, Plaintiff was hurt and injured in his health, strength and activity, sustaining, among other injuries,

injury to his body and person, shock, and injury to his nervous system, all of which injuries have caused and continue to cause Plaintiff great mental, physical and nervous pain and suffering. As a result of such injuries Plaintiff has suffered general damages in an amount according to proof and within the jurisdictional limits of the Superior Court. As a further direct and proximate result of the attack on Plaintiff, Plaintiff has incurred medical expenses, loss of earnings and loss of earnings capacity.

- 19. As a further direct and proximate result of Defendants' actions, Plaintiff was deprived of rights, privileges and immunities under the Fourth Amendment to the United States Constitution and the laws of the State of California, in violation of 42 <u>U.S.C.</u> §1983, including, but not limited to, his right to be free from unlawful arrests and from the use of excessive force.
- 20. Plaintiff is entitled to recover all damages provided for the violation of these rights and his personal injuries, including but not limited to, general and special damages according to proof, punitive damages, costs of suit and attorneys fees under 42 <u>U.S.C.</u> §1988.
- 21. The aforementioned acts of Defendants DOES 5 and 6, and each of them, were done by them knowingly, intentionally, and maliciously, for the purpose of harassment, oppression and inflicting injury upon Plaintiff, and in reckless, wanton and callous disregard of Plaintiff's safety, security and Civil Rights. By reason thereof, Plaintiff claims exemplary and punitive damages from said Defendants in an amount according to proof at trial.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

ASSAULT AND BATTERY - AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS EXCEPT CHIEF MACKINNON

22. Plaintiff hereby realleges and incorporates each and every allegation set forth in Paragraphs 1 through 21 as though set forth at length herein.

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- 23. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereupon alleges, that Defendants DOES 5 and 6, and each of them, deliberately, and with premeditated intent to injure Plaintiff, and wrongfully used excessive force without lawful excuse and justification.
- 24. Defendants DOES 5 and 6, and each of them, willfully and unlawfully committed a battery on the person of Plaintiff. At the time of the aforementioned battery, the Plaintiff posed absolutely no threat to Defendants whatsoever.
- 25. The conduct of Defendants DOES 5 and 6, and each of them, described herein above, was done within the course and scope of their employment, agency and/or service with Defendants CITY OF SANTA PAULA, and DOE 1, and under color of their authority, and Defendants CITY OF SANTA PAULA and DOE 1, and each of them, are, therefore, vicariously liable for same under <u>Government Code</u> §§815.2, 815.3 and 820.
- 26. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' actions, Plaintiff's sustained the damages described herein above.
- 27. The aforementioned acts of Defendants DOES 5 and 6 were done by them knowingly, intentionally, and maliciously, for the purpose of harassment, oppression and inflicting injury upon Plaintiff, and in reckless, wanton and callous disregard of his safety, security and Civil Rights. By reason thereof, Plaintiff claims exemplary and punitive damages from said Defendants in an amount according to proof at trial.

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

VIOLATION OF CIVIL RIGHTS PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE §§51.7 and 52.1(b)

AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS EXCEPT CHIEF MACKINNON

- 28. Plaintiff hereby realleges and incorporates each and every allegation set forth in Paragraphs 1 through 26 herein.
- 29. The use of force by the Defendants and the conduct of Defendants, and each of them, was unconstitutional, without cause or justification, excessive and

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illegal, and was due to Plaintiff's race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, disability, and/or medical condition, and violated Plaintiff's civil rights under <u>Cal</u> <u>Civ. Code</u> §§51.7 and 52.1(b).

- 30. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' actions, Plaintiff's sustained the damages described herein above.
- 31. The conduct of Defendants DOES 5 and 6, and each of them, described herein above, was done within the course and scope of their employment, agency and/or service with Defendants CITY OF SANTA PAULA and DOE 1, and under color of their authority, and Defendants CITY OF SANTA PAULA and DOE 1, and each of them, are, therefore, vicariously liable for same under <u>Government Code</u> §§815.2, 815.3 and 820.
- 32. The aforementioned acts of Defendants DOES 5 and 6 were done by them knowingly, intentionally, and maliciously, for the purpose of harassment, oppression and inflicting injury upon Plaintiff, and in reckless, wanton and callous disregard of his safety, security and Civil Rights. By reason thereof, Plaintiff claims exemplary and punitive damages from said Defendants in an amount according to proof at trial.

FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION -

NEGLIGENCE

AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS EXCEPT CHIEF MACKINNON

- 33. Plaintiff re-alleges as though fully set forth at length and incorporated herein all of the allegations and statements contained in paragraphs 1 through 31, inclusive.
- 34. Pursuant to <u>Penal Code</u> §835, Defendants DOE 5 and 6, and each of them, were under a duty to use no more than reasonable force to arrest Plaintiff, prevent his escape or overcome his resistance. Said Defendants were under a duty not to use excessive force. By using excessive and unreasonable force as alleged herein above, Defendants breached their duty.

The conduct of Defendants DOES 5 and 6, and each of them, described 35. herein above, was done within the course and scope of their employment, agency and/or service with Defendants CITY OF SANTA PAULA and DOE 1, and under color of their authority, and Defendants CITY OF SANTA PAULA and DOE 1, and each of them, are, therefore, vicariously liable for same under Government Code §§815.2, 815.3 and 820.

As a proximate result of the afore-described acts of Defendants, Plaintiff sustained the injuries and damages described herein above.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for Judgment against Defendants, as follows:

- For general and special damages in an as yet unascertained amount but within the jurisdiction of the Superior Court according to proof at time of trial, plus interest thereon at the maximum legal rate;
 - For pre-Judgment interest, as recoverable; 2.
 - For punitive damages against the individual defendants; 3.
 - For reasonable attorneys' fees incurred herein and as recoverable; 4.
 - For statutory damages; 5.
 - 6. For costs of suit incurred herein; and
 - For such other and further relief as the Court deems appropriate. 7.

PLAINTIFF HEREBY DEMANDS TRIAL BY JURY.

Dated: May 6, 2011 LAW OFFICES OF GREGORY A. YATES, P.C.

GREGORY A YATES Attorney for Plaintiff, PHILLIP GARCIA GUEVARA

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT TO UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE FOR DISCOVERY

This case has been assigned to District Judge R. Gary Klausner and the assigned discovery Magistrate Judge is Frederick F. Mumm.

The case number on all documents filed with the Court should read as follows:

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Pursuant to General Order 05-07 of the United States District Court for the Central District of California, the Magistrate Judge has been designated to hear discovery related motions

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